

THE BRASSIE(R) FAMILY
IN AMERICA

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INTRODUCTION

The beginning of this compilation began back in 1963 in the State House of Representatives in Indianapolis, Indiana. State Representative William Brighton of Terre Haute, Indiana approached State Representative Ralph A. Brassie of Lafayette, Indiana and asked if he was related to J. T. Brassie of Terre Haute. Ralph Brassie said he knew of no other Brassie's other than his family in Lafayette, but said he would like to correspond with J. T. to see if some relationship existed. A copy of this letter along with J. T. Brassie's reply is found in the back of this booklet.

Nothing further happened for some thirteen years until Stan Brassie, grandson of Ralph A. Brassie, came across these same letters and became intrigued with the possibility of a relationship between the families. Stan Brassie was living in Terre Haute at the time and knew of the existence of other Brassies in that community.

The collection of information began in the Spring of 1976 with a visit to St. Mary of the Woods College in Terre Haute. This seemed a logical place to begin since J. T. Brassie's response to Ralph Brassie's letter made specific reference to the origin of the family at that location. This original visit to St. Marys revealed some interesting information about the family's early origin. It substantiated the fact that the Thomas Brassier family did accompany the Sisters of Providence across the Atlantic in 1840 and followed the Sisters to Terre Haute. Subsequent visits with the historian and

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archivist of St. Mary of the Woods, Sister Eugenia, identified the actual names of the parents and children along with specific voyage information contained on a microfilm of the ship's manifest. This microfilm did substantiate the ties with other families with the Brassie(r) name.

The author is greatly indebted to Ms. Grace Kennedy of Seattle, Washington, for access to a considerable amount of information on the Brassie(r) family which she had compiled over the past several years. Her personal visits to La Guerche, France, have provided much in the way of background information which follows in this booklet.

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FAMILY ORIGIN

The Brassier family originated from the part of France called Brittany. Brittany is a land of mists and miracles, of rugged cliffs and inland villages, of druid stones and celtic saints, of quaint costumes and old customs. It is a large peninsula of more than 18,000 square miles stretching into the Atlantic Ocean in northwest France. It is just across the English Channel from England and one of the best known of the old French provinces, but is so isolated from the rest of France that even today it remains almost a separate country. The sea-coast and the interior of Brittany are 2 distinct districts. The inland plateau has two mountainous regions which contain excellent grazing land. On the deeply indented rocky coast, fishing is the main industry. The Bretons (people of Brittany) are famous as sailors.

Brittany remained independent of French rule until 1491 when Anne, daughter of Duke Francis II, married King Charles VIII of France. Local self-government continued, however, until the French Revolution. In that upheaval, numbers of Bretons were loyal to their King. However, people of this area always insisted on being called "Bretons", not "Frenchmen".

The Bretons are Roman Catholics and deeply religious. Every village has its local saint whose aid is invoked in sickness or distress. In some remote districts of Brittany, the ancient Celtic language is still spoken and some of the older generations know no French.

Rennes, a city of over 150,000 population is the chief town of the department (same as a state in the U.S.) of Ille-et-Vilaine, 190 miles west of Paris. The Brassie Family originates from the small farm community of La Guerche outside of Rennes in this department. There are a number of Brassier families that still reside in this area.

THE TRIP TO AMERICA

Since the Thomas Brassier family came to America on the same voyage which brought the Sisters of Providence to found St. Mary of the Woods, much of the information on the voyage is contained in the writings of Mother Theodore Guerin, Founder of St. Marys. Most of the information comes from two books, History of the Sisters of Providence of St. Mary of the Woods Volume I and Mother Theodore Guerin: Journals and Letters. Other information comes from official voyage records which were available from the General Services Administration National Archives in Washington, D.C. These records were filed by Master Nathaniel Barstow, captain of the ship Cincinnati, when it arrived in the Port of New York on September 5, 1840.

Thomas Brassier, his wife Jeanne Marie (nee Halopauf) and six children had decided to seek their fortune in America. Thomas was 43 years old, Jeanne Marie was 28, and the children were Julian (age 22), Reni (age 19), Adolph (age 6), Felix (age 4), James or Janet Maria (age 2), and Augusta (age 1). Undoubtedly, Jeanne Maria was Thomas second wife since the two oldest boys were nearly her age.

The family traveled north east from La Guerche to the city of Le Havre, port of Havre de Grace (pronounced Hav-de-Gras). They boarded the ship Cincinnati on July 27, 1840. Their introduction to Mother Theodore is described in her Journal on page 17:

"Now I must make you acquainted with our traveling companions on ship to America ... Our Bretons were more fortunate. We took them under our protection, especially Brassier, his wife and six children. Thomas Brassier, with his family, was coming to seek his fortune in the United States. Mother Theodore engaged him to follow her to Indiana to work for the community."

Further information is found in the History of the Sisters of Providence of St. Mary of the Woods, p. 88

"On shipboard, Mother Theodore has made the acquaintance of a Breton family, Thomas Brassier, his wife and six children, emigrants to the United States. She has lent him money from her meager store at Havre, and in several conversations during the voyage she intimated to him that she might be able to employ him after their arrival in the new world."

The voyage on the Cincinnati was not an easy one.

"Prostrated by seasickness on the Cincinnati almost from the first, Mother Theodore succumbed to an inflammatory fever which brought her speedily to death's door. She felt that she could not recover and the Sisters too feared that she would not survive the voyage... Robbed by the passport agent, they only escaped losing part of their baggage through the watchfulness of one of the passengers, the good Breton, Thomas Brassier, who eventually followed then to St. Marys. Not a single person on board could speak both English and French." (History, p. 59)

The voyage took 26 days from Havre to the banks of Newfoundland and 40 days from Havre to New York City. They arrived on September 5, 1840. While the Brassier family remained in New York, the Sisters of Providence left for Philadelphia. Mother Theodore writes,

"On the eve of our departure from Philadelphia on September 18, 1840, I received a letter from good Mr. Byerly, who informed us that, charged to our account, Mrs. Parmentier and himself had advanced \$140 to Thomas Brassier, that Breton of whom I have already spoken. With this amount he was able to go to Vincennes, Indiana, and then return it to us when he would be able to do so. After receiving this new token of the devotedness of our friends in New York, we took leave of those in Philadelphia." (Journal and Letters, p. 40)

"Thomas and family were to remain in New York till Mother Theodore could give him more definite information. There a Mr. Byerly interested himself in the family and advanced them for their journey westward funds to be returned later to Mother Theodore from their wages. Mother Theodore had learned before leaving Philadelphia from Mme. Parmentier that Brassier and his family had left New York for Vincennes. The Brassiers arrived at St. Marys on October 22, 1840 not long after the Sisters (History, p. 38)

St. Mary of the Woods is located about 3 miles Northwest of Terre Haute, Indiana on hundreds of wooded acres. Thomas and his family immediately began working for the Sisters in that Fall of 1840.

"His first duty, assisted by his sons, was to clear a portion of their forest which would thus be ready for cultivation in the Spring. He and his family took up their dwelling in one of the cabins on the premises and they remained for about a year in the employ of the community." (History, p. 83)

"The French family whom I mentioned before (Brassier) are here. The man is to clear a corner of our land where cabbage and other vegetables will be planted next Spring if we do not freeze before that time; for they say that the winter here is unbearable. Every year several persons are frozen to death."

The next mention of the Brassier family comes the following Spring, the Spring of 1841.

"Delay in establishing schools would be inevitable for many reasons of which the lack of funds was perhaps the greatest. This drain of expense must continue for some time if the property of St. Mary of the Woods was to be developed. On Mother Theodore's return from a trip to Vincennes, she found that under Sister Basilide's direction, Brassier had planted all sorts of vegetables in quantity.

More farm implements now became a necessity, especially plows, if they were to have their own wheat and corn for the coming season and on April 17, the ledger notes the purchase for \$45 of a horse, "Mignon", long a faithful aid in the work of cultivation. Joseph Thrall's recently married son, Renus, was helping the Brassiers on the farm. Fruit was to be a necessity and the community invested in two installments of fruit tree plants to increase their orchard." (History, p. 100)

"The farm, however, was developing rapidly into such condition that they would be soon self-sustaining. Both before and after the retreat during the summer months the harvest and the heavy labor had been a source of imperative concern... The crops on the cleared part of their domain were proving excellent. The Brassier family, father and sons, had been occupied all winter in bringing additional acres into condition for cultivating. These had produced wheat and hay which were harvested in July and oats cut some weeks later. Like most of the pioneer farmers, Joseph Thralls was a distiller in addition to his farming operations and had put up a still on the place and a mill for grinding corn... After the corn was gathered, the sisters helped in the heavy work of shucking it.

The apple trees in the little orchard Thralls had planted were all yielding a generous return for the effort expended on them. The vegetable garden too had been successful and aroused a deep interest among their friends in France... The outdoor labor of gathering the fruit occupied the postulants till late in the fall. At the end of October, wheat was sown and a little later Julian Brassier left the employ of the community attracted by better prospects in New Orleans." (History, p. 140)

The year 1841 appeared to be an extremely good one for the Brassier family with bumper crops rewarding their efforts of the previous winter and spring. It is significant to note, however, that Julian, the eldest son of 23 years of age, leaves the family to go to New Orleans. At the time of this writing, no further information on Julian has been found. What or where he went is unknown. The diocese of New Orleans has no record of him.

As good as 1841 was for the Brassiers, 1842 was equally bad as one disaster after another occurred.

"A knock at the door introduces Brassier, who steps inside, cap in hand, to report the ruin of his newly sprouted crop of peas and of the flowers pushing above the ground on the border of the vegetable garden. After inquiring about the sick horse, Mother Theodore directs him to sow the peas again and to plant cabbages. Distracted at the loss of his careful work from the sudden changes in weather unknown in France, Brassier departs to repeat his sowing, hoping this time for a harvest. Insects, cold, sickness among the animals and unforeseen changes in temperature render farming on the rim of Indiana forest very much of a hardship." (History, p. 203)

Finally, Thomas takes his family and leaves St. Mary of the Woods to find a less frustrating existence.

"Work was going forward daily on the community farm and the Bishop was planning further improvements. During Mother Theodore's illness in the heart of the late spring just when every day was important for the planting of grain and vegetables which would be their food for the coming winter, two of their horses died and the third and last was so seriously sick that they expected to lose it from day to day. The poor animal was bled several times, but despite the inadequate remedies of the frontier, it was out of danger by the end of April. To her skill in medicine and nursing, Mother Theodore, though ill herself, had to add the proper care of suffering animals. The oxen too had fallen sick, but finally during the first week in May, corn was sown. The peas and flowers planter earlier had all been frozen by one of the sudden changes in temperature so characteristic of the Volatile American spring. Now Brassier sowed the peas again and planted cabbage, but by the middle of the month the corn had been destroyed by insects and had to be replanted. Just at a very busy time, the first week in June, Brassier decided to leave, and one of the horses, needed so much at that time for the work of the farm, strayed away and was not recovered for many months." (History, p. 207)

Although the Brassier family left St. Mary of the Woods, the historical records mention that one of the sons remained. Since Julian (age 23) and Reni (age 20) were the only two sons old enough to be on their own, and since Julian left one year earlier for New Orleans, we can deduct that Reni remained in the employ of the Sisters of Providence.

"Although Thomas Brassier had left some months before, one of his sons still remained, and this year for the first time appears in Mother Theodore's account book the name of one who was a tried and faithful employee for many years, Logan Hagan, whose sons succeeded him in the service of St. Mary of the Woods."

Records in the St. Mary of the Woods Village Church reveal the birth of a seventh child while in Terre Haute, a daughter named Marie T. Brassier, born to Thomas and Jeanne Marie in 1841 and baptized on October 26, 1841 by Father Buteax.

The historical records of St. Mary of the Woods make no mention of the destination of the Brassier family. However, ninety year old Leo Brassie of Olney, Illinois recalled from memory that his grandfather (Thomas) lived in a log cabin on a farm near Ste. Marie, Illinois, a small town between Olney and Newton, Illinois. Pauline Frohning and Stan Brassie followed up on this lead and visited St. Mary's church in Ste. Marie and we were given permission by Father Niebrugge to examine the church's records. To their delight, the church records did contain mention of the family.

Records include the births of the eighth and ninth children at Ste. Marie. John Thomas Brassier was born on April 6, 1846 and Robert Isidore on October 23, 1849. Confirmation dates are listed for John Thomas in 1863 and for Robert Isidore in 1866.

Death records at the church are also listed for Jeanne Marie Brassier (nee Halopauf). She was buried at Ste. Marie on January 29, 1852. Thomas also died at Ste. Marie on December 2, 1861. The death

records listed Jeanne Marie as 37 years of age at death, while Thomas was 72 years old. It is interesting to note the discrepancy between ages listed on the ship's manifest and the ages recorded at death for both Thomas and Jeanne Marie. According to the ship's records, Thomas should have been 64 in 1861 and Jeanne Marie should have been 40 in 1852. One would assume the church's death records to be the more accurate, however. Cemetary records do not reveal the graves of Thomas and Jeanne Marie in the St. Mary's cemetary next to the church in Ste. Marie. However, a fire later destroyed all wooden tombstones in the cemetary and the markers may have been destroyed. Since the heirs had moved to Olney, no one remained to remark the graves.

Other records in Ste. Marie listed the baptism of a legitimate daughter Mariam Franciscane Brassier, on November 26, 1860 at Ste. Marie; however, no other trace has been found of this name in our search. No record of her birth is available.

How or why the Brassier family migrated to Ste. Marie, Illinois is unknown, but an interesting bit of information appears in the History of Ste. Marie and St. Mary's Church which is found in the Jasper County library in Newton, Illinois. A tie existed between the Sisters of Providence and that community.

"Mr. Joseph Picquet of Sainte Marie, Illinois, went to Rennes, France and offered the Sisters of Providence \$10,000 toward the building of facilities if they would come to Ste. Marie to teach school. However, when the Sisters arrived in Vincennes, Indiana, a short distance east of Ste. Marie, Illinois, Bishop De La Hollandier decided the Sisters should locate in what is now St. Mary of the Woods in Vigo County, Indiana. When the diocese was later divided by the Indiana-Illinois state line, the Sisters of Providence were in the Indiana diocese.

The huge doors and stained glass windows which were sent from France later arrived in Ste. Marie, Illinois for the Sisters of Providence. The doors and windows were retained in that community and used in the Joseph Picquet mansion in Ste. Marie."

According to records in the Olney Daily Mail, the only daily newspaper in Richland County, Illinois, many of Thomas and Jeanne Marie's children moved south from Ste. Marie to nearby Olney, Illinois after their parents death. The youngest son, Robert Isidore went to Olney in 1874, some 13 years after Thomas' death. Records are available to verify that Felix, Augusta, John Thomas, and Robert Isidore, four of the nine children did live all or part of their lives in Olney

THE FIRST AND SECOND GENERATIONS
OF BRASSIE(R)S IN AMERICA

At the time of this writing (1978), it is believed that all of the Brassie(r)s in the United States are descendants of Thomas and Maria Brassier who came with the Sisters of Providence from France in 1840. The family is currently in the seventh generation of Brassie(r)s in America. The author has identified in the following pages no less than 209 persons who have descended from Thomas and Maria and who have carried the Brassie(r) name for all or part of their lives. No less than 94 living persons are currently carrying the Brassie(r) name in the United States.

The following pages attempt to outline each branch of the family by generation. Where available, the author has attempted to provide some specific information about each branch of the family.

FIRST GENERATION

THOMAS BRASSIER
(b- 1789)
(d-Dec 2, 1861)

Married

Joanne Marie Halopauf
(b- 1814)
(b-Jan 29, 1852)

Both came to Terre Haute, Indiana in 1840
Both moved to St. Marie, Illinois in 1842
Both died in St. Marie, Illinois

SECOND GENERATION

(1) JULIAN BRASSIER
(b- 1818)
(d- ?)

Left Terre Haute to go to New Orleans
No further record of him; although I recently discovered a T. Brassier who lives in New Orleans.
Further correspondence may establish a connection.

(2) RENI BRASSIER
(b- 1821)
(d- ?)

It is assumed that he stayed behind in Terre Haute when the family left for St. Marie, Illinois. No further record of him.

(3) ADOLPH BRASSIER
(b- 1834)
(d- ?)

No further record of him

(4) FELIX BRASSIER
(b- 1835)
(d-Apr 17, 1913)

Married
January 9, 1870
Olney, Illinois

Mary Colmer
(b- 1851)
(d-May 23, 1933)

Felix moved to St. Marie, Illinois at the age of 7 with his parents. He later moved to Olney, Ill.

The Olney Times newspaper records a heroic act performed by Felix on October 21, 1876, when he was walking down the street in Olney and saw a young women whose dress had caught fire. Despite a heroic attempt by Felix to extinguish the flames by throwing heavy coats around her, the young lady died of severe burns that same day.

Felix and Mary retained the "r" at the end of the name and had five children, four daughters and one son. None of the daughters ever married. Their son, William Franklin, a pharmacist in Olney, married but had no children. Therefore, this branch of the family ended after the third generation

- (5) JAMES OR JANET MARIA BRASSIER
 (b- 1838)
 (d- ?)

No further record of him. The ships manifest is unclear as to whether the name is James or Janet Maria. It was not uncommon to have a boy with his mother's middle name.

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| (6) AUGUSTUS BRASSIER | Married | Sara Elizabeth Hinman |
| (b-Aug 1, 1839) | April 8, 1862 | (b-May 6, 1844) |
| (d- ?) | | (d- ?) |

Augustus moved to St. Marie, Illinois with his parents at the age of 2. Augustus must have moved to Olney from St. Marie as there is a brief record of him there. However, he must have left Olney later. Sara Elizabeth Hinman was from Bartholomew County in Indiana. They had four children, all born in Richland County (Olney) in 1863, 1866, 1869, and 1871. Augustus' branch of the family dropped the "r" from the end of the name. There are still two branches of the Augustus Brassie family in existence. One branch is descended from Augustus' son, Felix Edward Brassie. This branch first resided in Chicago but later migrated to the Long Beach and Norwalk, California area. A second branch descended from Augustus' son, George Washington Brassie. This branch settled in Lafayette, Indiana. After Augustus' death, Sara Elizabeth remarried Matthias Schomer and lived in Chicago and later in Oellwein, Iowa where she is buried with Matthias Schomer.

- (7) MARIE T. BRASSIER
 (b-Oct 25, 1841)
 (d- ?)

Marie T. was the eldest of the four children born in the U.S. She was baptized by Father Buteaux in the St. Mary Village Church in Terre Haute on October 26, 1841. Marie's godmother was Mother Theodore Guerin, the leader of the expedition from France to St. Marys. No further record has been found.

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| (8) JOHN THOMAS BRASSIER | Married | Susan Elizabeth Sheppard |
| (b-Apr 6, 1846) | September 3, 1872 | (b-Nov 9, 1850) |
| (d-Jun 22, 1921) | Olney, Ill. | (d-Sept 4, 1932) |

J. Thomas Brassier was the second of the three children born to Thomas and Jeanne Marie in the United States. John Thomas was born in St. Marie, Illinois on April 6, 1846 after the family left Indiana. There is a record of his baptism at the church in St. Marie, Illinois in 1863. J. Thomas was a successful businessman in the implement business in Olney.

An interesting note on J. Thomas Brassie appeared in the Olney Times on October 21, 1896. Thomas wrote a letter to the editor recounting his trip to England. He left Olney on August 26, 1896 via train to New York. He then boarded a steamship, the Lucania, and sailed for Liverpool, England. He remained in England for seven weeks and one day and it rained all but four of those days. He described Liverpool as it appeared in 1896. He made one observation which was rather humorous, "At the theatres in Liverpool, men all keep their hats on, and everyone, nearly, smokes. When one act is ended, they go to the bar and get a small Scotch or Irish, and I'm sorry to say that a good portion of the ladies take the same. This looked very strange to me at first. They have some good

theatres in England, but the people in England are way behind America in almost everything." On the way home J. Thomas sailed the ship Campanis which hit a severe 36 hour storm. Everyone aboard was sick and frightened. After returning home, Thomas says he was the first down the gang plank and he vowed never to sail again.

J. Thomas married Susan Sheppard in 1872 and they had seven children. One of these children, the youngest, is still living. Genovieve Margaret Theresa Brassier is known as Sister Theresa and resides in the Ursuline Convent in Paola, Kansas. She is currently 88 years old (born Dec. 26, 1890). Another of the children born to J. Thomas and Susan, William Thomas, had a wife, Molly Kassler Brassie who still resides in Olney at the age of 87 (born May 4, 1881). Some of the 7 children kept the Brassier name, while others dropped the "r" at the end.

Because of the large number of girls born as descendants of the J. Thomas Brassier line, there is but one male descendant to carry on the Brassier name in this branch. Thomas F. Brassier (born Dec. 1, 1944) is a 5th generation descendant. He and his wife Ann reside in Los Angeles, California.

(9) ROBERT ISIDORE BRASSIE	Married	Mary Elizabeth Crawford
(b-Nov 3, 1848)	January 9, 1872	(b-Apr 19, 1851)
(d-Mar 1, 1899)	Olney, Ill.	(d-Jan 21, 1955)

Isidore Brassie, the youngest of the nine children and the seventh child born to Thomas and Maria, was born in 1848 in St. Marie, Illinois. Isidore was confirmed in 1866 in St. Marie and it was recorded that he moved to Olney in 1874. He would have been only 4 years old when his mother died and 13 years old when his father died.

Isidore married Elizabeth Crawford on January 9, 1872 in Olney, Illinois. Apparently they lived in St. Marie for two years and then moved to Olney. Elizabeth lived to an age of 103 years. Isidore and Elizabeth had ten children, seven boys and three girls. This is by far the largest branch of the family in terms of descendants. Families from this branch are currently residing in St. Louis, Olney, Cincinnati, Long Beach, Seattle, Rochester N.Y., Syracuse N.Y., Indianapolis, and Terre Haute areas. One of ten children, Leo Brassie, is still living in Olney at the age of 92 (born Feb. 17, 1886). Leo has twelve children; John Thomas, another of the ten children, had ten children which again accounts for the size of this branch of the family.

THE THIRD THROUGH SEVENTH GENERATIONS
OF BRASSIE(R)S IN AMERICA AS GROUPED
BY DESCENDANTS OF THE CHILDREN
OF THOMAS AND MARIA

A brief note of explanation should precede the next section. The number in front of each name in the list indicates the generation of that person. Children of each descendant follow immediately under the parents. When girls were born to a Brassie(r) family, they are listed with their marriage date and with their husband. However, no children of that marriage are listed since none of the children would be Brassie(r)s.

The left hand column indicates the city in which living descendants are residing at last notice.

GENERATION

1	Thomas Brassier (b- 1789) (d-Dec 2, 1861)		Joanne <u>Maria</u> Halopauf (b- 1814) (d-Jan 29, 1852)
2	Julian Brassier (b- 1818) (d-)		
2	Reni Brassier (b- 1821) (d-)		
2	Adolph Brassier (b- 1834) (d-)		
2	Felix Brassier (b- 1835) (d-Apr 17, 1913)	JAN 9, 1870 OLNEY, ILL.	Mary Colmer (b- 1851) (d-May 23, 1933)
3	Mary <u>Amelia</u> Brassier (b-Dec 6, 1870) (d-)	UNMARRIED (SISTER)	
3	Mary <u>Natalie</u> Brassier (b-Aug 23, 1872) (d-Jan 18, 1957)	UNMARRIED	
3	William <u>Franklin</u> Brassier (b-Oct 27, 1874) (d-Dec 6, 1939)	MAY 24, 1910 OLNEY, ILL.	Eleanor Hayward (b- 1881) (d-Nov 18, 1945)
3	Mary <u>Matilda</u> Brassier (b-Jan 2, 1877) (d-Apr 10, 1950)	UNMARRIED	
3	Louise "Lulu" Elizabeth Brassier (b-June 3, 1882) (d-July 23, 1953)	UNMARRIED	
2	James (Janet) Maria Brassier (b- 1838) (d-)		

2	Augustus Brassier (b-Aug 1, 1839) (d-)	APR 8, 1862	Sara Elizabeth Hinman (Schomer) (b-May 6, 1844) (d-)	Later Married Mathias Schomer
3	Mary Iola "Mamie" Brassie (b-Feb 2, 1866) (d-Nov 26, 1916)		Frank N. Lewis (b-) (d-)	
3	Felix Edward Brassie (b-Mar 4, 1869) (d- 1916)	1892 CHICAGO	Amelia Nebel (b-Sept 6, 1867) (d-Dec 20, 1938)	
4	Mamie Brassie (b-) (d-)	(DIED AS YOUTH)		
4	Lottie Brassie (b-) (d-)	(DIED AS YOUTH)		
4	Edwin Michael Brassie (b-Dec 30, 1897) (d-May 27, 1960)	SEPT 3, 1921 CHICAGO, IL	Mabel L. Manshreck (b-Dec 13, 1898) (d-Jul 1939)	
5	Dolores Ethelyn Brassie (b-Jun 3, 1922) (d-)	SEPT 27, 1941 CHICAGO, IL	Harold Keenum (b-Dec 18, 1920) (d-)	
Long Beach, Calif.				
4	Girtrude Iola Brassie (b-Jan 16, 1900) (d-Jun 13, 1964)	1922 CHICAGO	1st Albert Kaehler (b-) (d-)	
		1930 CHICAGO	2nd Alfred Gessler (b-Jan 19, 1901) (d-)	
4	Mildred Josephine Brassie (b-Sept 18, 1904) (d-)	1924 CHICAGO	1st George Groth (b-) (d-)	
		MAY 19, 1955 L.A., CAL.	2nd Frank Connors (b-) (d-Apr 10, 1968)	
Norwalk, Calif.				
4	Pearl Loretta Brassie (b-Dec 23, 1906) (d-)	JAN 20, 1926 CROWN POINT, IND	Tony Kaczmarek (b-Nov 26, 1902) (d-Mar 7, 1966)	
Norwalk, Calif.				
3	George Washington Brassie (b-Apr 26, 1863) (d-Nov 7, 1919)	JUL 13, 1885 STREATOR, ILL	Jennie May Matthews (b-) (d-Jun 30, 1921)	

4 Bertha Brassie (b-Aug 16, 1887) UNMARRIED (DIED AS YOUTH)
(d-)

4 Ralph Andrew Brassie (b-Dec 7, 1888) (d-Apr 11, 1968)	JUN 18, 1912 LAFAYETTE, IN	Lydia Emily Burkhardt (b-May 14, 1888) (d-Dec 13, 1971)
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5 Paul Andrew Brassie (b-Mar 15, 1916) (d-)	SEPT 23, 1939 LAFAYETTE, IN	Doris Mae Breedlove (b-Feb 13, 1918) (d-)
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Lafayette, Ind.

6 Paul <u>Stanley</u> Brassie (b-Nov 26, 1940) (d-)	AUG 1, 1964 HILLSBORO, MO	Evelyn Carol Pooker (b-Oct 5, 1941) (d-)
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Terre Haute, Ind.

7 Kelly Suzanne Brassie (b-Dec 8, 1966)
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6 Philip Warren Brassie (b-Feb 25, 1944) (d-)	APR 22, 1967 TERRE HAUTE, IN	Maribelle Kaspar (b-Oct 14, 1946) (d-)
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Terre Haute, Ind.

7 Ty Warren Brassie (b-Jun 10, 1968)
(d-)

Terre Haute, Ind.

7 Kerry Jane Brassie (b-Jul , 1972)
(d-)

Terre Haute, Ind.

6 Stuart Wayne Brassie (b-Mar 29, 1948) (d-)	DEC 19, 1970 PEORIA, ILL	Alice Margaret Wegner (b-Jan 30, 1947) (d-)
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Granbury, Texas

7 Kenneth Paul Brassie (b-Mar 3, 1972)
(d-)

Granbury, Texas

7 Amy Noel Brassie (b-Dec 25, 1974)
(d-)

Granbury, Texas

6 Randall Dean Brassie (b-Nov 21, 1949) (d-) Lafayette, Ind.		
6 Beverly Jean Brassie (b-Oct 12, 1959) (d-) Riverside, Calif.	SEPT 9, 1978 LAFAYETTE, IN	Randy Eugene Carter (b-Jan 21, 1958) (d-)
5 Ralph Burkhardt Brassie (b-Dec 19, 1918) (d-) Lafayette, Ind.	SEPT 4, 1942 LAFAYETTE, IN	Pauline Smith (b-Mar 14, 1919) (d-)
6 Patricia Ann Brassie (b-Jan 7, 1945) (d-) Charleston, S.C.	FEB 18, 1964 GREENSBURGH, IN	John Bredewater (b-Oct 20, 1943) (d-)
	AUG 4, 1975 CHARLESTON, SC	Jerry Lee Isaacs (b-Jul 24, 1947) (d-)
6 Barbara Lynn Brassie (b-Sept 9, 1947) (d-) Crawfordsville, Ind.	SEPT 1, 1968 LAFAYETTE, IN	John Barbee (b-Oct 29, 1946) (d-)
6 Gregory Lee Brassie (b-Dec 30, 1948) (d-) Greely, Colorado	MAR 10, 1973 OAK PARK, ILL	Sarah Hadden Shaw (b-Nov 19, 1952) (d-)
5 Norma Mae Brassie (b-Mar 2, 1925) (d-) Monticello, Ind.	APR 12, 1946 LAFAYETTE, IN	Harris Gilbert (b-Sept 6, 1922) (d-)
4 George Washington Brassie Jr. (b-Mar 30, 1891) (d-Jun 27, 1959) Lafayette, Ind.	MAY 14, 1914 INDIANAPOLIS, IN	Helen Myers (b-May 29, 1895) (d-Jun 23, 1950)
	JUNE 1, 1953 LAFAYETTE, IN	Sybilla Bostwick (b-Oct 25, 1919) (d-)
5 Virginia Brassie (b-May , 1917) UNMARRIED (DIED AS YOUTH) 1st marriage (d-Jul , 1920)		
5 Phyllis Brassie (b-Aug 25, 1921) 1st marriage (d-) Lexington, Ky.	APR 14, 1943 LAFAYETTE, IN	Charles Tom Nugent (b-Oct 4, 1919) (d-)

5 Alice Brassie (b-Sept 19, 1922) 1st marriage (d-) Milford, Mass.	OCT 4, 1952 LAFAYETTE, IN	George August Clemens (b-Jul 24, 1929) (d-)
5 Denise Brassie (b-Oct 3, 1955) 2nd marriage (d-) Lafayette, Ind.	AUG 13, 1975 LAFAYETTE, IN	Kenneth McGlothlin (b-Mar 22, 1955) (d-)
3 August Brassie (b-Sept 24, 1871) (d-)		
2 Marie T. Brassier (b- 1841) (d-)		

2	John <u>Thomas</u> Brassier (b-Apr 6, 1846) (d-Jun 22, 1921)	SEPT 3, 1872 OLNEY, ILL	Susan Elizabeth Sheppard (b-Nov 9, 1850) (d-Sep 4, 1932)
3	Josephine Brassie (b-March 11, 1874) (d-June 2, 1949)	OCT 9, 1906 OLNEY, ILL	Dr. James Lyons (b-) (d-)
3	Mary <u>Ellen</u> Brassie (b-Nov 22, 1876) (d-Apr 4, 1946)	UNMARRIED	
3	Philomena (<u>Minnie</u>) Brassie (b-Jan 16, 1879) (d-Mar 27, 1901)	UNMARRIED	
3	William Thomas Brassie (b-Nov 16, 1880) (d-Dec 27, 1923)	JAN 17, 1907 WASHINGTON, IND	Mary (<u>Molly</u>) Kassler (b-May 4, 1881) (d-)
4	Mildred Ann Brassie (b-Sept 20, 1908) (d-)		
Olney, Ill.			
4	George Edward Brassie (b-May 3, 1911) (d-)	Chicago	SEPT 1, 1933 RANTOUL, ILL.
Orlando, FL			Mildred Ross (b-Aug 21, 1912) (d-)
5	Anita Rae Matthews (b-July 24, 1937) (d-)	MARRIED	Henry E. Matthews
4	Mary Lucille Brassie (b-Oct 21, 1916) (d-)	Chicago	JUNE 29, 1946 OLNEY, ILL.
West St. Paul, Minn.			William Chrichton (b-Sept 14, 1915) (d-)
3	John Brassier (b-Jan 2, 1883) (d- 1967)		Hattie English (b- 1884) (d- 1958)
4	Charles E. Brassie (b-Dec 11, 1906) (d- 1918)		
4	Philomena Brassie (b-Jun 14, 1905) (d-)		

3 Francis S. Brassier (b-Mar 16, 1889) (d- 1958)	1912 E. St. Louis	Helene Vollmer (b- 1886) (d- 1955)
4 Francis V. Brassier (b-July 14, 1914) (d-May 1971) Fairview Heights, Ill.	SEPT 2, 1940 E. ST. LOUIS	Mary Louise Vogt (b-) (d-)
5 Marianne Brassier (b-Sept 10, 1941) (d-) Marion, Ill.	NOV 25, 1961 E. ST. LOUIS, ILL.	James Fredrick Pearson (b-Dec 2, 1937) (d-)
5 Helen Brassier (b-Sept 1, 1942) (d-) Newburgh, In.	JULY 10, 1966 FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS, ILL.	Michael Thomsom (b-Oct 25, 1938) (d-)
5 Thomas F. Brassier (b-Dec 1, 1944) (d-) Los Angeles, Calif.	JAN 20, 1968 OAKLAND, CAL	Ann M. (b-Dec 1, 1945) (d-)
4 Mary Helen Brassier (b-) (d-) Southern Illinois	1938 E. ST. LOUIS, ILL.	Vernon Touchette (b-) (d-)
3 Genovieve Margaret Theresa Brassier (b-Dec 26, 1890) (d-) Paola, Kansas	UNMARRIED (SISTER THERESA, URSILINE CONVENT, PAOLA, KANSAS)	

2	Robert <u>Isidore</u> Brassie (b-Nov 3, 1848) (d-Mar 1, 1899)	JAN 9, 1872 OLNEY, ILL.	Mary <u>Elizabeth</u> Crawford (b-Apr 19, 1851) (d-Jan 21, 1955)
3	Joseph Brassie (b-Nov 14, 1872) (d-Jan 14, 1960)	APR 5, 1894 OLNEY, ILL.	Florence E. Chapin (b-Jan 8, 1872) (d-Jan 7, 1961)
4	Philip <u>Bernard</u> Brassie (b-Aug 10, 1895) (d-Oct 28, 1961) St. Louis, MO	SEPT 14, 1920 ST. LOUIS, MO	Catherine Caroline Friedrich (b-Oct 30, 1898) (d-)
5	Dorothy E. Brassie (b-Jun 5, 1923) (d-) St. Charles, MO	SEPT 24, 1944 SAN MARCOS, TX	Rowland J. Gunter (b-Nov 23, 1920) (d-)
5	Catherine Ann Brassie (b-Jun 20, 1925) (d-) Chesterfield, MO	JUL 7, 1945 ST. LOUIS, MO	Alfred Villagran (b-Oct 31, 1923) (d-)
5	Constance Elisabeth Brassie (b-Jun 15, 1927) (d- 1971)	UNMARRIED	
5	Geraldine Teresa Brassie (b-Jul 23, 1929) (d-) Ballwin, MO	SEPT 30, 1950 ST. LOUIS, MO	Robert O'Connor (b-May 14, 1926) (d-)
5	Bernard Reginald Brassie (b-Oct 29, 1931) (d-) Westminster, Calif.	JUN 21, 1953 SACRAMENTO, CAL	Esther Smith (b-Apr 16, 1932) (d-)
6	Laura Brassie (b-Apr 10, 1954) (d-)	JAN 19, 1973 BLUE SPRINGS, MO	Donald Krause (b-Dec 25, 1953) (d-)
6	Bernard R. Brassie Jr. (b-Sept 12, 1956) (d-)		
6	Steven Brassie (b-Aug 13, 1959) (d-)		
6	Michael Brassie (b-Jan 23, 1962) (d-)		

5 Roberta Helen Brassie (b-Oct 10, 1933) (d-)	OCT 12, 1957 ST. LOUIS, MO	Herbert Lang (b-Mar 18, 1929) (d-Oct 25, 1976)
Jennings, MO		
5 Aloysius Brassie (b- 1937) (d-)		
4 Florence Elizabeth Brassie (b-Apr 17, 1897) (d-)	FEB 4, 1925 OSAGE, IOWA	John Roth (b-Mar 6, 1905) (d-)
Olney, Ill.		
4 Lawrence Augustine Brassie (b-Aug 1, 1899) (d-)	AUG 15, 1938	Myrtle Elizabeth Mathes Weiker (b-Oct 3, 1903) (d-)
Cincinnati, OH		
5 Lawrence Mathes Brassie (b-Nov 22, 1945) (d-)	OCT 10, 1970	Deborah Lynn Fiekert (b-Aug 25, 1949) (d-)
Cincinnati, OH		
6 Christa Lynn Brassie (b-Aug 18, 1971) (d-)		
Cincinnati, OH		
6 Susan Marie Brassie (b-Apr 14, 1976) (d-)		
Cincinnati, OH		
5 Marilyn Florence Brassie (b-May 16, 1939) (d-)	SEPT 24, 1955	Carl Albert Mahaney (b-Jan 5, 1934) (d-)
4 Catherine Cecilia Brassie (b-Sept 9, 1902) (d-Feb 23, 1976)	AUG 13, 1949	Grover Gross (b-Aug 26, 1888) (d-Jun 20, 1959)
4 Edward Sylvester Brassie (b-Oct 19, 1911) (d-)	FEB 27, 1936	LaVange Scott (b-Nov 11, 1910) (d-)
Olney, Ill.		
5 Barbara Ann Brassie (b-June 21, 1937) (d-)		
5 James Walter Brassie (b-Nov 8, 1942) (d-)		
Olney, Ill.		

4	Joseph Brassie (b-Jan 24, 1917) (d-)	MAY 10, 1939 OLNEY, ILL.	Bernice Boatman (b-Dec 3, 1917) (d-)
Long Beach, Calif.			
5	Joseph Brassie III (b-Sept 14, 1946) (d-Sept 15, 1946)	UNMARRIED (DIED AS INFANT)	
3	James <u>Edwin</u> Brassie (b-Mar 3, 1875) (d-Jul 19, 1906)	NOV 23, 1897	Agnes Bray Brassie McDonnell (b-May 14, 1877) (d-Feb 12, 1972)
4	Grace Elizabeth Brassie (b-Jul 13, 1899) (d-)	NOV 9, 1920	Cyril Kennedy (b-) (d-)
Seattle, Wash.			
4	Ruth Brassie (b-Oct 16, 1903) (d-)	NOV 1, 1924	Edward Martin Thompson (b-Sept 30, 1900) (d-)
North Bend, Wash.			
3	Charles Isidore (b-Oct 22, 1876) (d-Nov 19, 1876)	UNMARRIED (DIED AS INFANT)	
3	John Thomas Brassie (b-Sept 23, 1877) (d-Jul 24, 1943)	NOV 28, 1899 OLNEY, ILL.	Julia Eleanor Ostheimer (b-Jan 9, 1879) (d-Mar 1, 1958)
4	Paul V. Brassie (b-Sept 15, 1900) (d-Mar 5, 1945)	Mary Menestrina (b-) (d-)	
4	Lawrence E. Brassie (b-Jun 25, 1902) (d-May 29, 1966)	JUN 16, 1926 ROCHESTER, NY	Olive M. Baldwin (b-) (d-)
Rochester, NY			
5	Lawrence E. Brassie Jr. (b-Apr 11, 1927) (d-)	NOV 27, 1954 ROCHESTER, NY	Helen F. Holdsworth (b-Jan 14, 1928) (d-)
Honeoye Falls, NY			
6	Michael Lawrence Brassie (b-Jul 2, 1956) (d-)		
Honeoye Falls, NY			
6	Chester Dickson Brassie (b-Sept 17, 1958) (d-)		
Honeoye Falls, NY			

6	Mark Allen Brassie	(b-Apr 24, 1962)		
		(d-)		
Honeoye Falls, NY				
6	David Scott Brassie	(b-Aug 9, 1964)		
		(d-)		
Honeoye Falls, NY				
6	Scott Christopher Brassie	(b-Feb 24, 1968)		
		(d-)		
Honeoye Falls, NY				
6	Catherine Lee Brassie	(b-Sept 17, 1957)		
		(d-)		
Honeoye Falls, NY				
6	Laurie Ann Brassie	(b-Feb 1, 1961)		
		(d-)		
Honeoye Falls, NY				
5	Justin H. Brassie	(b-Aug 15, 1928)	JUN 28, 1952	Dorothy Wilson (b-Oct 18,)
		(d-)	ROCHESTER, NY	(d-)
Rochester, NY				
6	Dorette Marie Brassie	(b-May 8, 1954)		
		(d-)		
Rochester, NY				
6	John Thomas Brassie III	(b-Oct 19, 1955)	SEPT 13, 1975	Catherine Mascle (b-May 23, 1957)
		(d-)		(d-)
Rochester, NY				
7	Jennifer Ann Brassie	(b-Mar 9, 1976)		
		(d-)		
Rochester, NY				
5	Richard C. Brassie	(b-May 1, 1930)		Margaret M. Hartz (b-May 13, 1931)
		(d-)	ROCHESTER, NY	(d-)
Syracuse, NY				
6	Debra Ann Brassie	(b-Apr 30, 1953)		
		(d-)		
Syracuse, NY				
6	Cheryl Ann Brassie	(b-Jul 1, 1955)		
		(d-)		
Syracuse, NY				

6 Robin Leslie Brassie (b-Nov 21, 1956)
(d-)

Syracuse, NY

6 Richard Stephen Brassie (b-Feb 26, 1958)
(d-)

Syracuse, NY

6 Gary Joseph Brassie (b-Jul 5, 1959)
(d-)

Syracuse, NY

5 Robert B. Brassie (b-May 15, 1934) (d-)	JUNE 20, 1959 CHICAGO, ILL.	Dorothy Brennan (b-Feb 18, 1937) (d-)
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Indianapolis, Ind.

6 Thomas Jude Brassie (b-Apr 15, 1960)
(d-)

Indianapolis, Ind.

6 Gregory Michael Brassie (b-Jun 17, 1961)
(d-)

Indianapolis, Ind.

6 Steven Edward Brassie (b-Jun 8, 1962)
(d-)

Indianapolis, Ind.

6 Mary Rita Brassie (b-Sept 19, 1964)
(d-)

Indianapolis, Ind.

6 David Andrew Brassie (b-Feb 20, 1967)
(d-)

Indianapolis, Ind.

6 William Lawrence Brassie (b-Jun 16, 1969)
(d-)

Indianapolis, Ind.

4 Justin H. Brassie (b-Aug 1, 1904) UNMARRIED (DIED AS YOUTH)
(d-Jun , 1913)

4 Mary <u>Eleanor</u> Brassie (b-Jul 15, 1907) (d-)	MARCH 23, 1930 TERRE HAUTE, IN	William H. Sontag (b-Mar 2, 1909) (d-)
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Terre Haute, Ind.

4 Mildred Brassie (b-Dec 19, 1908) (d-)	FEB 25, 1938 TERRE HAUTE, IN	James Barnett (b-Oct 19, 1904) (d-)
Crawfordsville, Ind.		
4 Jerome Brassie (b-Oct 19, 1910) (d- 1958)	MAY 2, 1936 VINCENNES, IN	Loreen Nichols (b-Nov 11, 1911) (d-)
Newport Beach, Calif.		
5 Linda Brassie (b-Feb 17, 1952) (d-)	OCT 28, 1972 LAGUNA BEACH, CALIF.	Kelly York (b-) (d-)
Laguna Beach, Calif.		
4 Helen Brassie (b-Nov 11, 1912) (d-)	UNMARRIED	
Terre Haute, Ind.		
4 Rosemary Brassie (b-Jan 12, 1914) (d-)	OCTOBER 24, 1939 TERRE HAUTE, IN	Louis Servie (b-Sept 7, 1914) (d-)
Freeport, Ill.		
4 John Thomas (J.T.) Brassie (b-Jul 21, 1916) (d-Jan 8, 1969)	SEPT 14, 1948 TERRE HAUTE, IN	Mary V. Sedletzeck (b-Apr 6, 1917) (d-Dec 9, 1976)
5 Mary Ann Brassie (b-Feb 25, 1950) (d-)	FEB 1, 1969 TERRE HAUTE, IN	Ronald Murphy (b-Jan 24, 1947) (d-)
Terre Haute, Ind.		
5 Virginia Louise Brassie (b-Sept 1, 1951) (d-)	DEC 7, 1975 TERRE HAUTE, IN	Michael Wimsatt (b-Sept 18, 1950) (d-)
Indianapolis, Ind.		
5 Carole Jean Brassie (b-Jan 15, 1954) (d-)		
Terre Haute, Ind.		
4 Agnes Brassie (b-Mar 27, 1918) (d-)	JAN 17, 1939 TERRE HAUTE, IN	Joseph Belfi (b-Jun 4, 1912) (d-)
W. Terre Haute, Ind.		
3 Mary Elizabeth (Mayme) Brassie (b-Dec 7, 1879) (d-Apr 19, 1915)	JULY 20, 1903	Frank E. Waxler (b-) (d-)
3 Louis <u>Fredrick</u> Brassie (b-Nov 28, 1881) (d-Jan 14, 1903)	UNMARRIED	

3	Leo Ambrose Brassie (b-Feb 17, 1886) (d-)	FEB 20, 1913 OLNEY, ILL.	Stella May Spangler (b-Sept 21, 1886) (d-Mar 1, 1957)
Olney, Ill.			
4	Stella May Brassie (b-Nov 27, 1912) (d-)	DEC 22, 1940	Horace Potter (b-Aug 8, 1914) (d-Dec 27, 1952)
Olney, Ill.			
4	Lloyd Ambrose Brassie (b-Jun 12, 1914) (d-Feb 1, 1977)	JUNE 12, 1934	1st Irene Hartshorn (b-) (d-)
			2nd Iva Dell McDowell (b-May 16, 1917) (d-)
		SEPT 8, 1974	3rd Millie A. Schackmann (b-Jul 18, 1917) (d-)
5	Louise Linda Brassie (b-Mar 4, 1936) (d-)	JULY 7, 1953	1st Charles Van Hensley (b-) (d-)
			2nd Jim Johnson (b-) (d-)
Paxton, Ill.			
5	Robert Leo Brassie (b-Jul 15, 1937) (d-)	1954	1st Barbara Woods (b-) (d-)
			2nd Louise (b-) (d-)
Houston, Texas			
6	Candy Brassie (b-) (d-)		
5	Donna Rae Brassie (b-Aug 26, 1938) (d-)	1958	1st Pete Teitsort (b-) (d-)
			2nd Jack Wyatt (b-) (d-)
Barlett, Ill.			
5	Sandra Kay Brassie (b-Sept 22, 1946) (d-)	DEC 4, 1965	John L. Conway (b-) (d-)
Schieumburg, Ill.			
5	Karen Sue Brassie (b-Apr 25, 1951) (d-)	MAY 24, 1968	Robert E. Osborn (b-) (d-)
Salt Lake City, Utah			

4	Mary Ellen Brassie	(b-Dec 18, 1915) (d- 1921)	DIED AS A YOUTH		
4	Wanda Lucille Brassie	(b-Mar 26, 1918) (d-Jan 13, 1938)			
4	Henry Robert Brassie	(b-Oct 5, 1924) (d-Jan 5, 1926)	DIED AS A YOUTH		
4	Freda Brassie	(b-Dec 10, 1928) (d-)	JULY 19, 1936	Russell Dean Foster	(b-Jan 28, 1924) (d-Apr 1971)
Olney, Ill.					
4	Bernadine Brassie	(b-Dec 2, 1929) (d-)			
4	James Patrick Brassie	(b- 1932) (d- 1932)	DIED IN INFANCY		
4	Leo Brassie Jr.	(b-Oct 31, 1926) (d-)	JUNE 1951	1st Francis Price	(b-Oct 31, 1926) (d-)
			JULY 2, 1967	2nd Marjorie Daubs Chaplin	(b-Apr 16, 1933) (d-)
Calhoun, Ill.					
4	Mary Louise Brassie	(b-) (d-)			
4	Patricia Brassie (adopted)	(b-Mar 27, 1938) (d-)	JUNE 5, 1955 OLNEY, ILL	Bob Van Fossen	(b-Apr 6, 1928) (d-)
Lawrenceville, Ill.					
4	Juanita Brassie	(b-Feb 1930) (d-)		1st Jimson	(b-) (d-)
				2nd Bill Dobbs	(b-) (d-)
Rantoul, Ill.					
5	Vickey Lee Ann Brassie	(b-Aug 19, 1964) (b-)			

5 Wanda Marie Brassie (b-Jan 30, 1960) (d-)		
5 Thomas Charles Brassie (b-Nov 15, 1958) (d-)		
3 Henry <u>Walter</u> Brassie (b-Feb 29, 1888) (d-Jul 20, 1968)		Ethel (b-) (d-)
		Elsie (b-) (d-)
	FEB 20, 1967	Ruth Porterfield McSorley (b-Sept 18, 1898) (d-)
4 Dorothy Brassie (b-) 1st marriage (d-) Dallas, Texas		Torg Primdahl (b-) (d-)
3 Tresie Aline Brassie (b-Aug 12, 1890) (d-Sept 17, 1969)	AUG 10, 1909 OLNEY, ILL.	Edward Suess (b- 1887) (d- 1942)
3 Anna Agnes Brassie (b-Dec 22, 1883) (d- 1969)		Joseph Kent (b- 1850) (d- 1919)
	OCT 21, 1925	Wm. T. Gregory (b-) (d-)

September 11, 1963

J. T. Brassie
501 South 19th Street
Terre Haute, Indiana

Dear John:

During the last session of the Indiana General Assembly, Representative William J. Brighton asked me if I had a relative, who was the telegraph editor of the Terre Haute Tribune.

I told him if the name was spelled the same I was sure there must be some relationship, due to the fact the name was so uncommon.

Since the end of the session I have been going through old records I was able to find in an effort to trace the history of the Brassie family.

This is what I was able to find so far:

Augus Brassie, my grandfather, was born in the state of Reines France on August 1, 1839.
His wife Sarah E. Hinman was born in Barthlomew County Indiana, May 6, 1842.

After their marriage they evidently settled in Jasper County Illinois.

Four children were born to this marriage. George W. Brassie (my father) was born April 27, 1863 in Jasper County Illinois.

Mary I. Brassie was born February 2, 1866 in Richland County Indiana, Olney, Illinois.

Felix Brassie was born March 4, 1869 in Olney, Ill. August Brassie was born September 24, 1871, Olney, Ill.

Sometime about 1880 this branch of the family evidently moved from Olney, Ill. to Streator, Ill. where George W. married my mother and where I was born on December 7, 1888.

It seems to me there must be another branch of the family. I assume that my grandfather Augus Brassie, born in France, must of had a brother who settled in either Southern Illinois or Southern Indiana.

If you can locate any records that can confirm this I am sure we can claim some relationship.

My grandson Phillip Brassie is entering Indiana State this year and he might get in touch with you.

Trusting you will be able to help me gather some historical information on your branch of the Brassie family I remain

Sincerely yours,

Ralph A. Brassie

501 South Nineteenth Street
Terre Haute, Indiana
October 11, 1963

Hon. Ralph A. Brassie
718 South Tenth Street
Lafayette, Indiana

Dear "Cousin":

My apology for not replying to your letter sooner, but I've been trying to track down some data on my side of the family without much success. However, I am enlisting the aid of a cousin in Seattle, Washington, whom, I understand, is compiling a family history and should be able to furnish some pertinent facts. She visited Brittany, France, where the family is said to have originated.

This much I do know. My great-grandfather, Thomas Brassier, came to this country in 1840 with Mother Theodore Guerin, foundress of St. Mary of the Woods, the motherhouse of the Sisters of Providence and a college for girls. According to her "Letters and Journals," Thomas Brassier served as the sisters' Gardener until he was able to repay her for his family's passage to America.

Great-grandfather had several sons, one of whom was my grandfather, Robert Isidore Brassie, and another, Felix, the latter having been born in France. His branch retained the "R" while my father's side dropped it for some unknown reason.

My father, John Thomas, had six brothers, James, a railroader who moved to Seattle; Joseph, who remained in Olney; Leo, a farmer in rural Richland County; Walter, a man of considerable means of Oak Park, Ill.; Fred, who I am told, died in infancy, and Charles who succumbed at an early age.

Dad also had several sisters, two of whom, Theresa and Anna, are still living. I have dispatched a note to them asking their help in this search.

The fact that some of your relation were born in Olney, Richland County, Ill., indicates that there is a relationship here. Also, the fact that the names Felix and August (my father referred to an Uncle Gus) appear in your family makes me feel there's some connection. Another thing, my Grandmother Brassie, who by the way, lived to be 103, spoke of relation in northern Indiana, and of course, I assume this is you.

We shall see!

Phillip and two of his buddies were at the house the other night. He's a personable chap and appears to be very enterprising. We are looking forward to his return on Sunday.

Respectfully yours,

John T. Brassie

Brassie family returns to Saint Mary's

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Genealogy

Thomas Brassier, his wife, Joanne Maria Holopauf Brassier, and six children emigrated from their native LaGuerche, outside of Rennes, Brittany, to this country on the same voyage which brought the Sisters of Providence to found a religious community and Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College near Terre Haute in 1840.

Mother Theodore Guerin, the foundress, and four other members of the order took the family under their protection and lent them \$140 so they could continue their journey to seek their fortune in the new country.

The agreement was that Brassier and his two oldest sons would work for the Sisters at St. Mary's at least until they had repaid the money.

Now, almost 140 years later, there will be a reunion of the descendants of this immigrant couple Sunday, July 1, on the grounds of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, where their ancestors first lived in a log cabin.

125 members to attend

Approximately 125 members of the family will be here from all over the country. There will be groups from Seattle, Wash., the Los Angeles area, Minneapolis-St. Paul area, Lafayette area, Olney, Ill., St. Louis, Rochester, N.Y., Cincinnati, Ohio, and Terre Haute.

Most members of the family long ago dropped the R from the end of their name, only one branch of the family retaining the original spelling. Since the name was pronounced "Brazee," so the shortened name of Brassie seems easier for Americans to pronounce. Apparently, the mispronunciation of the name was the reason for changing it.

Since the majority of members of the family have remained Roman Catholics, Sunday's program of activities will start with a Mass at 10 o'clock in the morning in the Conventual Church of the Immaculate Conception on the college campus.

Reunion program will then start at 11 o'clock in Foley Hall, the oldest building on campus. There, coffee and rolls will be served in the old library, after which Sisters will conduct tours of the grounds and buildings from 11:30 until 1:30. Many of the members of the family from out of town have never been to Saint Mary's, where their "roots" in this country began, before.

At 2 o'clock, P. Stanley Brassie of Terre Haute, who has worked long and hard to arrange this reunion and to compile a most comprehensive history and genealogy of the family, will welcome the guests in the main dining hall, where dinner will be served. Working with him on arrangements were Mrs. Joseph Belfi of West Terre Haute and Mrs. Carl Frohning of Olney, Ill., who also worked with him on the history.

The remainder of the afternoon will be spent in renewing relationships, visiting, making new friends with relatives and visiting the dioramas, book store and gift shop on campus.

Out-of-town relatives who will not be visiting relatives and friends here will stay at the Imperial House, where some of them plan get together on Saturday night preceding the reunion.

Oldest attendee

A third generation descendant of Thomas and Joanne Brassier, Leo Ambrose Brassie of Olney, Ill., who was born in 1886 and is 93 years old, will be the oldest member of the family present. He is the last of the family in the third generation descendants.

When Thomas and Joanne Maria Brassier came to this country, they had six children. Thomas was 43 years old and obviously had been married before as his wife was only 28 and yet there were two grown sons, Julian, 22 years old, and Rene, 19. The other children were Adolph, six; Feliz, four; James or Janet Maria, two, and Augusta, one. Another daughter, Marie, was born at Terre Haute a year after they arrived and two other children, John Thomas, born in 1846, and Robert Isidore, born in 1849, were born in Ste. Marie, Ill., where the family moved two years after they came to this country.

It is the descendants of Thomas and Joanne and their nine children who will be assembled here Sunday. They will be fourth, fifth, sixth and even a few seventh generation descendants.

The Brassier family originated from the part of France called

Brittany, a land of mists and miracles, of rugged cliffs and inland villages, of druid stones and celtic saints, of quaint costumes and old customs.

Hail from Brittany

Brittany remained independent of French rule until 1491 and people of this area always insist on being called Bretons, not Frenchmen. From their small farm community of LaGuerche, outside of the city of Rennes, the Brassie family went to the city of LeHavre, port of Havre de Grace, where they boarded the ship Cincinnati on July 27, 1840.

On the long, dangerous 26-day voyage, the emigrant and his family helped the small band of nuns and the Sisters aided the family. Upon landing, the Brassier family remained in New York while the Sisters came on west to found their community. The Brassiers started working at Saint Mary's in the late fall and were to remain there for two years until they had worked off their debt.

The family then went to Ste. Marie, Ill., and after the death of the parents, most of the children moved to Olney, Ill. Julian had left for New Orleans while they were still at Saint Mary's and Rene had remained at Saint Mary's to work for the Sisters. Joanne Brassier died in January of 1852 and Thomas in December of 1861.

In his history and genealogy of the Brassie (Brassier) family, P. Stanley Brassie relates that he has identified no less than 209 persons who have descended from Thomas and Joanne Maria Brassier and who have carried the Brassie (r) name for all or part of their lives. Currently, there are no less than 94 living persons carrying the name in this country.

It is fitting that the reunion be held at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods where the good Sisters were responsible for giving the family "roots" in this country. It will be a thrilling and sentimental time for many members of this family.

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